

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/053,264

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/27/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-1, 10 and 27-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 12/1/2006.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose, make obvious, or otherwise suggest the structure of the applicant's prediction program, prediction apparatus, and prediction method together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

The dependent claims being further limiting and definite are also allowable. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with James W. Babineau on December 1, 2006.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3 has been amended. Claims 3-7, 10 and 27-40 remain pending in the application.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

3. (Currently Amended) A text editing system comprising a software program disposed in an electronic format on a first computing device, said software program including:

- an electronic document generation module configured to allow a user to generate an electronic document, to receive from the user a predefined string of characters identifying a location of unknown information, and to enter into the electronic document a placeholder for the unknown information at the location specified by the user with the predefined string;
- an active messaging module configured to recognize the predefined string of characters as entered into the electronic document and, after recognizing in response to recognizing the

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predefined string of characters, to automatically open a messaging window on a display that permits the user to compose a message requesting the unknown information from one or more recipients.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 3-7, 10 and 27-40 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior arts of records, neither anticipates nor renders obvious the following limitations as claimed:

As to claim 3, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest A text editing system comprising a software program disposed in an electronic format on a first computing device, said software program including:

an electronic document generation module configured to allow a user to generate an electronic document, to receive from the user a predefined string of characters identifying a location of unknown information, and to enter into the electronic document a placeholder for the unknown information at the location specified by the user with the predefined string;

an active messaging module configured to recognize the predefined string of characters as entered into the electronic document and, after recognizing in response to recognizing the predefined string of characters, to automatically open a messaging window on a display that permits the user to compose a message requesting the unknown information from one or more recipients, together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

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As to claim 28, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest a method of editing a text document, the method comprising:

manually entering a predefined string of characters into an open text document, causing the document editing program to recognize the entered string of characters as a placeholder for missing information, and in response to recognizing the string of characters, to open a messaging window;

generating in the messaging window a query regarding the missing information;

forwarding the query to one or more identified recipients;

updating the saved document to contain information contained within the response, together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5.

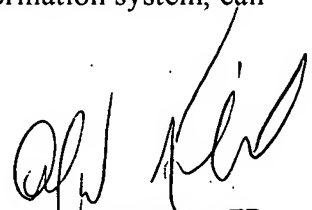
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December 6, 2006


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